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Governor Baker Nominates James M. Stanton to the Boston Municipal Court

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker has nominated James M. Stanton, an attorney from Walpole, to serve as a Boston Municipal Court Justice.

“James Stanton’s experience in federal and state court, coupled with nearly fifteen years of private practice, makes him an outstanding candidate to serve the Commonwealth on the Boston Municipal Court,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “I am pleased to nominate someone with his credentials to the Governor’s Council for their consideration.”

“James Stanton is well versed in the numerous criminal and civil matters that come before the Boston Municipal Court, making him an exceptional nominee for the Governor’s Council to review,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**.

The Boston Municipal Court Department has thirty judges serving the City of Boston in eight court divisions located in Brighton, Central (downtown), Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Roxbury, South Boston and West Roxbury.

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth’s diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later

appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

About James M. Stanton

James M. Stanton was born in Boston and raised in Hyde Park and attended Boston Latin Academy. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1990 with a B.A. in Political Science and from Suffolk University Law School in 1995. Mr. Stanton began his legal career at the United States Department of Justice, Immigration & Naturalization Service, as Assistant District Counsel. He then became an Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, working as a prosecutor in the Chelsea District Court and other Suffolk County Courts for two years. In 2000 he went to work as a Leasing & Zoning Specialist for Nextel Communications for two years. Since 2002 Attorney Stanton has worked in private practice, at the Law Office of James M. Stanton. His work is the general practice of law focusing on Criminal Defense, Real Estate, Personal Injury, and Estate Planning. Attorney Stanton has served as an eight year member of the Walpole Zoning Board of Appeals from 2006 – 2014, has been a Walpole Representative Town Meeting Member since 2012 and was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 2014, where he is currently serving as Vice Chairman. He and his wife Judy and their three children reside in East Walpole.

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